

LISTINGS OF THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A lifting device comprising:

a patient support; and

a base plate;

a lifting linkage that connects the patient support to the base plate and has at least two sub-linkages connected to one another via a central articulation₁; and

a drive unit that is operable to adjust the height of the patient support, and act on the central articulation₁

wherein one of the at least two sub-linkages is rotatably connected to the base plate by front scissors feet, and

wherein the drive unit is arranged between the front scissors feet in a plane through an axis of rotation of the front scissors feet and the central articulation₁.

2. – 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The lifting device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the one of the at least two sub-linkages is connected to the base plate in an articulated manner by front seissors feet and is fastened on the base plate by rear scissors feet such that the one sub-linkage runs over the base plate when the height of the patient support is adjusted.

7. – 10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The lifting device as claimed in claim ~~[[10]]~~6, wherein the ~~one of the at least two sub-linkages comprises front feet fastened on the bottom part and rear scissors feet that are~~ connected via a slide and are operable to slide-run over a running rail of the bottom part base plate when the height of the ~~top part patient support~~ is adjusted.

12. (Currently Amended) A lifting device comprising:

a top part and a bottom part,

a lifting linkage that connects the top part to the bottom part and has at least two sub-linkages connected to one another via a central articulation, and

a drive unit that is operable to adjust the height of the top part, and act on the central articulation,

wherein one of the at least two sub-linkages is rotatably connected to the bottom part by front scissors feet, and

wherein the drive unit is arranged between the front scissors feet in a plane through an axis of rotation of the front scissors feet and the central articulation.

13. – 19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) The lifting device as claimed in claim ~~[[19]]~~12, wherein the one of the at least two sub-linkages comprises ~~front feet fastened on the bottom part and rear scissors feet that are~~ operable to slide over the bottom part when the height of the top part is adjusted.

21. (New) The lifting device as claimed in claim 20, wherein the rear scissors feet are connected via a slide and are operable to run over a running rail of the bottom part when the height of the top part is adjusted.